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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Saenger et al.
Title: METHOD OF FORMING CLOSED AIR GAP INTERCONNECTS
AND STRUCTURES FORMED THEREBY
Filed: September 19, 2003
Serial No: 10/666,564
Docket No.: YOR920030274US1
Art Unit: 2826
Examiner: Alexander O. Williams
Confirmation No.: 5537
Customer No.: 27623

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 22, 2004, applicants hereby elect as follows:

Applicants hereby elect for further prosecution the claims of Group I (claims 1-12) drawn to a closed air gap interconnect structure.

This election is made with traverse.

Applicants respectfully submit that a search relating the closed air gap interconnect structure will necessarily produce art relating to a method of building a closed air gap.

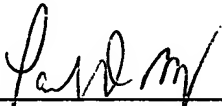
Thus, the Restriction Requirement should be withdrawn and both Group I and Group II should be examined because examination of both method and system claims will not be burdensome.

Applicants respectfully request examination of this application and allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 22, 2004

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Sir:

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT TRANSMITTAL

We are enclosing a Response to Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

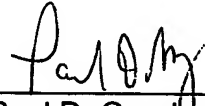
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	12	Minus	33	0	x \$18.00	\$
Independent Claims	7	Minus	10	0	x \$86.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$290.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$0.00		
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY				\$N/A		

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 0.00 .

 A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

July 22, 2004
Date

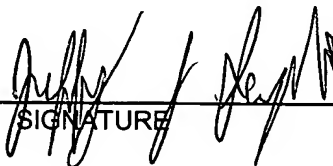


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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: MAIL STOP AMENDMENT, COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, ON JULY 22, 2004 .

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